visitors to Badrinath, Kedarnath, Hemkund Saneb, Gangotri and Yamunotri in the year 1994 is 6.19 lakhs.

(b) The pollution of rivers due to visit of tourists and pilgrims to the above mentioned places is of temporary nature. At various places, urinals and community toilets have been provided by the State Government for keeping the area clean and maintaining hygienic conditions.

(c) to (e) Water quality monitoring upstream of Rishikesh is not being done and is neither contemplated during the summer months of 1995. The water quality of river Ganga and Yamuna in their upper reaches including tributaries, did not warrant pollution abatement works in those stretches. Accordingly, the IInd phase of Ganga Action Plan, including Yamuna component, envisages tackling stretches below Rishikesh and Yamuna nagar—Jagadhari respectively. Also, no proposals were received from the State Government for the upper stretches.

In the townships of hill districts of U.P. wherever the sewer system has been laid no sewage treatment plants have been installed as yet.

Letters of MPs to the Ministry of Environment and Forest

4537. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and details of letters written by the members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry, containing positive and negative replies, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): ((a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Afforestation funds from mine owners and industrialists

4538. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is asking the mine owners/industrialists in the country to deposit adequate funds for afforestation purpose;

(b) if so, the amount received by Government and spent on this account till date, State-wise, during the last year;

(c) whether the funds were not utilised by State Governments for the aforesaid purpose. if so, the reasons therefor indicating for which purposes other than affortstation the money was spent, State-wise, out of this sanctioned/allocated funds; and

(d) whether Government have kept State-wise records of expenditure for the purposes of fuel, mining activities, construction of Dam, irrigation and generation of powers, etc. out of the total funds allocated for the country as a whole and deposited by other agencies during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND Forests (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Out of the stipulated amount of Rs. 25.686 lakh an amount of Rs. 18.394 lakh have been realised from user agencies for compensatory afforestation. Out of this Rs. 9300 lakh has been spent and an area of 2.206 lakh has been afforested against the target of 3.85 lakh has till December, 1994. The main reason for non-utilisation of funds in past is the financial procedure of deposits and drawal of funds as forestry receipts are still considered as revenue by the States. State-wise details

of funds to be realised, actually realised and spent till December, 1994 is given in the Statement annexed. (See below)

(d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.

Statement

S.No.	State	Funds to be realised from user agency for comp. affo.till Dec.,1994	Funds actually realised till December, 94	Funds spent till Dec, 1994
			(Rs. in lakhs)	
1	Andhra Pradesh	3178	2950	2169
2	Arunachal Pradesh	208	169	55
3	Assam	172	146	27
4	Bihar	175	32	3
5	Goa	13	13	9
6	Gujarat	2776	1912	1558
7	Haryana	57	50	18
8	Himachal Pradesh	1013	817	353
9	Jammu & Kashmir	954	90	..
10	Karnataka	1316	1300	1157
11	Kerala	105	34	4
12	Madhya Pradesh	3974	3068	..
13	Maharashtra	7585	4654	2931
14	Manipur	..	..	..
15	Meghalaya	1	1	..
16	Mizoram	230	171	25
17	Orissa	1237	895	..
18	Punjab	77	73	41
19	Rajasthan	239	214	149
20	Sikkim	211	65	..
21	Tamil Nadu	103	95	17
22	Tripura	32	32	15
23	Uttar Pradesh	1843	1471	764
24	West Bengal	132	132	..
25	A & N Islands	11	10	5
26	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	44	..	..